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SUBJECT: MEXICAN TOURIST CARDS

1. HOUSTON CHRONICLE FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 25 CARRIED AP REPEAT AP ARTICLE DATE LINED GUADALAJARA REPORTING THAT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ARE REDUCING STANDARD VALIDITY OF 8BR(5-CARDS FROM 180 TO 30 DAYS. GABIEL TOURIST CARDS FROM 180 TO 30 DAYS. GABRIEL ROMERO, CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN GUADALAJARA IS QUOTED AS INDICATING THIS CHANGE OF TRANSIT CARD AS INDICATING THIS CHANGE OF TOURIST CARD VALIDITY IS TO FORCE AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN MEXICO ON 180 DAY TOURIST CARDS TO OBTAIN IMMIGRANT STATUS. ARTICLE INDICATES THAT 180 DAY TOURIST CARDS MAY STILL BE OBTAINED IF INDIVIDUAL CAN CONVINCE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HE IS BONA FIDE TOURIST. SOME OFFICIALS ARE ALLEGEDLY DEMANDING 180 DOLLARS FOR TOURIST CARD WITH 180 DAY VALIDITY.

2. POSTS COMMENTS REQUESTED TELEGRAPHICALLY. KISSINGER

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